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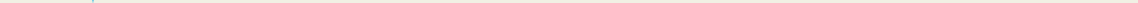
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Police seek suspect in high school assault

STRANGER Police are looking for a suspect after investigating the report of an assault on a 15-year-old girl at a high school on Broadview Avenue.

At 7:25 a.m. on Wednesday, a 15-year-old girl was in a school washroom when she was grabbed from behind and knocked to the ground by an unknown male.

The girl kicked and screamed and the male fled the school. The victim was uninjured.

Police are seeking a white male in his late teens to early 20s, approximately five-foot-five with short reddish-brown hair.

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No Friday edition

Metro will not publish Good Friday. The next edition will appear Monday, April 5.

Movies pg 19

Busy effects 'clash' in epic film



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Montreal painter Claude Tousignant stands by his work, *Accelérateur Chromatique 96 #3*, at the National Gallery of Canada Wednesday. Tousignant, who has been painting for more than 60 years, was one of eight Canadian artists honoured with the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts in Ottawa. Story, page 3. More photos at metronews.ca/local.

10,000 more make sunshine list

SALARIES King Tut isn't the only one raking in the big bucks at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Matthew Teitelbaum, CEO of the gallery, pulled in \$981,000 in salary and bonuses last year, putting him at No. 3 on the list of Ontario public sector workers making more than \$100,000 annually.

The sunshine list grew by another 10,000 to 63,761 people in 2009 — or

just under five per cent of the 1.2 million Ontario residents working in the broader public sector. That includes nurses, doctors, teachers and municipal employees like police and firefighters.

As usual, execs at the province's electrical utilities topped the list. Jim Hankinson, the former president and CEO of Ontario Power Generation, remained in first place with

a compensation package of more than \$2.1 million. Hankinson's replacement, Tom Mitchell, who took over last July, was No. 2 with salary and bonus totalling just over \$1 million.

Unlike most on the list, Teitelbaum wasn't paid only by taxpayers but in part by donations to the Art Gallery of Ontario, which announced two weeks ago that it was laying off 37 staffers.

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Art Awards

Friends in high places

Four pre-amalgamation mayors join Watson's campaign squad

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Mayoral candidate Jim Watson has enlisted a quartet of political heavyweights to join his campaign team.

On Wednesday, the former provincial Liberal cabinet minister announced that four mayors from the pre-amalgamated Ottawa area have joined his campaign as honorary co-chairs.

Jim Durrell, mayor of Ottawa from 1985-1991, Mary Pitt, mayor of Nepean from 1997-2001, Janet Stavinga, mayor of Goulbourn Township from 1997-2001, and Guy Cousineau, Vanier mayor from 1991-2001, have all signed on to Watson's campaign.

Pitt praised Watson for being a "consensus builder" who was dedicated to building his community.

Throughout his career in politics at various levels, Watson's ability to work with people has been admirable, Durrell said.

"You can't possibly be a successful mayor of Ottawa without that unique ability," he added.

Stavinga praised Watson's ability to create lasting partnerships across the city, while Cousineau said he appreciated that Watson was fluent in both official languages.

The campaign officially launches at an event at 2 p.m. on April 18 at the Ukrainian Church Hall on Byron Avenue.

Watson plans to begin unveiling his platform around the start of May.

For the next few weeks, Watson said he'll be consulting with the public to hear their hopes for the city.

"People are hungry to give me ideas. They feel they haven't been properly consulted over the last couple of years on certain issues," he said. "I'm not making a commitment now. This is not some wishing well. We have to live within our means and that's paramount in anything that I announce."

Election day is Oct. 25.



Mayoral candidate Jim Watson, front, speaks to reporters, with pre-amalgamation mayors, from left to right, Jim Durrell, Janet Stavinga, Mary Pitt and Guy Cousineau backing him up.

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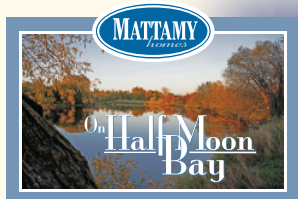
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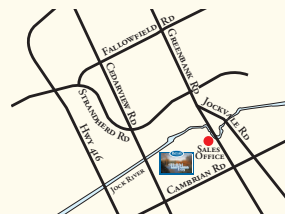


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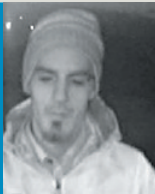
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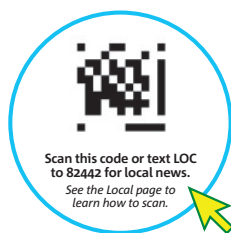
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Suspect sought in January assault

Ottawa police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying a male suspect after a taxi driver was assaulted and robbed in the 100 block of Genest Street on Jan. 13. Police have already arrested Joshua Sky-Cote, 32, of Maniwaki, and Casey James Cote, 22, of Ottawa. Both appear in court Thursday. Police are seeking a white male, pictured at left. He is 25 to 30 years old and six feet tall. Anyone with information can call 613-236-1222 ext. 5110

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News in brief

CLEANUP With two weeks left before the city's Spring Cleaning the Capital campaign starts, thousands of participants have already registered to remove litter and graffiti from local parks and public spaces. The campaign drew a record 87,400 participants last year.

BUSINESS TRIP Mayor Larry O'Brien and representatives of Canadian companies are heading on a business mission to China next Tuesday.

ELECTION Daniel Stringer is running again to represent Kitchissippi Ward. Stringer finished fifth in the 2003 race to represent the area. He also registered to run in 2006, but withdrew before election day.

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Artist finds national award liberating

Honoree among 8 granted Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts

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Video artist Tom Sherman started working in video in 1970, back when "nobody knew what the word meant."

"It was analog video at the time. I did my first tape in 1970. I faced a camera, then I hyperventilated until I passed out," said the Nova Scotia resident, who worked in Ottawa in the 1980s.

The technology has

evolved radically since then, he said.

The 62-year-old — one of eight Canadian artists honoured with a Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts in Ottawa Wednesday — had his work on display at the National Gallery of Canada. He called the award "important."

"It just gives you licence to be more like yourself. There's a certain credibility with an award like this. Of ten times, we check ourselves in terms of being ec-

"It just gives you licence to be more like yourself."

Artist Tom Sherman

centric or radical and I feel liberated, late in life, getting an award like this."

Montreal photographer Gabor Szilasi, whose exhibit was featured at the gallery last fall, returned to the gallery Wednesday as another winner.

For Haida artist Robert

Davidson, whose works feature prominently throughout the gallery, the award was more than about his own accomplishments.

"What's exciting is that all of a sudden, there's a whole new light shining on the Haida people and the northwest coast people," he said.

The awards recognize distinguished career achievements in the visual and media arts by Canadian artists.

Other winners included filmmaker André Forcier,

abstract painters Rita Letendre and Claude Tousignant, sculptor Ione Thorkelsson and Terry Ryan, for his role in the development of Kinngait Studios and Dorset Fine Art.

It's "tremendously important" to support Canadian artists," curator Heather Anderson said. "Artists play such a role in creating a Canadian culture and offer us the opportunity to reflect on how we relate to one another and the idea of being Canadian."

Employers don't consider disabled: Report

MIRANDA MINASSIAN
 for Metro Ottawa

EMPLOYMENT The majority of employers in Ottawa do not view people with disabilities as a part of the available work pool, according to a year-long study conducted by the United Way.

"There are misconceptions out there about low productivity of disabled people," said Richard Plummer, a director with the United Way.

Workplaces that make accommodations for their employees show a greater level of retention, productivity and innovation, which directly contributes to the success of an organization, explained Plummer.

No one is more aware of the stigmas than Susanna Oppedisano, a university graduate with a hearing disability. Oppedisano has spent the last three years applying for jobs she was



Susanna Oppedisano signs with an interpreter at a United Way Ottawa event Wednesday. The symposium was held to encourage a dialogue between disability service providers, potential employers and individuals with disabilities.

qualified for, without success.

"For months I worked at selling myself as a human being, capable of having a job," she said through an

interpreter. "There was this idea that I was not able to help myself. I never even got the opportunity to focus on my skill set."

Oppedisano insisted that

remaining professional and being resilient is the key.

"It is like anything else. You have to put your message out there and emphasize the good."

Hume wants homelessness to be key issue

ELECTION A city councillor is hoping to make homelessness a key issue in this year's municipal election.

In a motion to be discussed at Tuesday's Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee meeting, Alta Visa Coun. Peter Hume is proposing to add a question to the ballot that would have voters endorsing or rejecting a \$5 million per year strategy that would eliminate chronic homelessness in Ottawa by 2014.

An Alliance to End Homelessness report card showed that people spent more time in homeless shelters than ever before.

Hume said homelessness is often ignored during campaigns while people focus on transit, taxes and other issues.

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A run for the kids

Race weekend hopes to fight childhood obesity

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Several community leaders are hoping runners participating in the Ottawa Race Weekend events this May will join them in raising money to fight childhood obesity.

Executive vice-president and national chair of Telus community boards Janet Yale and local media personalities Mark Sutcliffe and Gavin Lumsden launched the Y Ascent for Kids run on Wednesday.

Ottawa Race Weekend gives runners the opportunity to raise funds for charities, and for the first time, participants can direct their

"Twenty-eight per cent of kids are considered overweight, 18 per cent of kids are considered obese."

Tony Pacheco, YMCA-YWCA

fundraising toward new Y Kids Zones — which encourage physical activity among children — at the Ruddy Family Centre YMCA-YWCA in Orleans and the Metro Central Y.

"What we're talking about ... is providing an area like we provide for adults to come in and do exercise, geared towards kids," said

Tony Pacheco, president and CEO of the National Capital Region YMCA-YWCA.

"Twenty-eight per cent of kids are considered overweight, 18 per cent of kids are considered obese and we're seeing Type 2 diabetes on the rise," he said.

"We're seeing diseases normally associated with adults associated with children. All of the research and the medical community are telling us that potentially, this is the first generation that won't have as long a lifespan as their parents."

Yale, who will be running the half marathon, said she hopes to rally runners in the community to raise \$100,000 for the Y Kids Zones.

Archbishop to lead a cross through city

LENT A Way of the Cross procession will be held in downtown Ottawa Friday to mark Good Friday.

Led by the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, Archbishop of Ottawa, the event starts at

9:30 a.m. at the St. Patrick Basilica at the corner of Gloucester and Kent streets and will move through downtown past the Supreme Court and Parliament Hill. It is scheduled to arrive at the

Notre Dame Cathedral at noon.

The Way of the Cross is a depiction of the final hours of Jesus and is most commonly done during the season of Lent.

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Avalanche death toll in B.C. rises to 10

There's been another fatal avalanche in B.C., bringing the death toll from slides in the province's backcountry this season to 10. The Canadian Avalanche Centre confirmed one person died in the slide on Mount Currie near Pemberton, about a two-hour drive north of Vancouver. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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PM loses another staffer

The revolving door in Stephen Harper's communications shop continues to spin. The prime minister is losing his fourth director of communications since coming to office four years ago. John Williamson, left, is departing to make a bid for elected office in the New Brunswick riding of former Tory cabinet minister Greg Thompson. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ottawa Told you so, says Iggy



Stephen Harper's refusal to include abortion in his G8 initiative on maternal health has turned into an international embarrassment for Canada, says Liberal Leader Ignatieff, pictured speaking to the media in Ottawa on Wednesday. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's rebuke to Canada proves the Liberals were right to push for it, he said.

The doctor is in ... but will you have to pay?

Will you face a user fee every time you visit the doctor?

Ottawa may have to decide whether provinces can start charging patients for trips to the doctor now Quebec has announced plans to bill \$25 per visit. In a move that could have a ripple effect across the country, Quebec — in its budget Tuesday — said it's considering a deductible for each trip to the doctor.

It even raised the possibility the rest of Canada might want to follow suit in what would be a significant

"It looks like a user fee."

Antonia Maioni

cant shift for the universal health system.

Quebec claims the deductible is in line with the Canada Health Act. But health-care expert Antonia Maioni says Quebec's proposal may indeed go against the law.

"It looks like a user fee," said Maioni, a political scientist at McGill University who specializes in health policy.

"It's trying to put a fee on utilization, and if that's the case it's going to come up against the Canada Health Act."

She says federal Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq is the only person with the authority to declare such deductibles illegal.

"The only way the Canada Health Act can be activated, in terms of slapping down the provinces, is if the minister of health decides there is a contravention," said Maioni, director of McGill's Institute for the Study of Canada.

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Canada pledges \$400M for Haiti

HAITI Canada has bought a seat at the global table that will direct Haiti's quake recovery effort.

It did so Wednesday by pledging \$400 million at a major donors' conference at the United Nations.

Canadian officials said the announcement — part of \$5.3 billion pledged at the gathering — left no doubt the country will be granted membership on the Interim Haitian Recovery Commission.

The panel will preside over one of the most ambitious exercises in nation building after the Jan. 12 quake that killed more than 200,000, including at least 46 Canadians.

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Man wanted to buy a child, hearing told

CRIME A man accused of trying to buy a child online allegedly offered to pay for one as "young as possible" during an Internet chat presented as evidence at a hearing Wednesday.

Patrick Molesti, a French fugitive who fled the U.S. for Canada to escape child exploitation charges, was ordered to remain in the Ontario jail where he has been held since Friday.

Molesti, who appeared via videolink from Thunder Bay, is a flight risk and

a potential danger to the public, a member of the Immigration and Refugee Board ruled.

The 56-year-old French citizen, whose real name is Patrick Lamontagne, said he was innocent.

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Comment

Test-driving your relationship

Relating

Steve Collins

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don't write much here about my own relationship. It's a happy one, after all, and that's a boring read. (I also suspect a connection between continued happiness and not spilling my guts about everything in the paper). This week, though, we're on a road trip together

er through the U.S., cooped up alone in a car for hours at a time, so there's potential for horrible, juicy strife.

We're long past our first trip together and, hopefully, still far from booking separate vacations, so the idea of going off somewhere together still sounds like fun, rather than obligation. Once that's not the case anymore, you've got trouble.

Trouble has a way of finding you anyway. Any travel promises certain tests of endurance and humour. We've already run into some bad food, some

"Trouble has a way of finding you anyway. Any travel promises certain tests of endurance and humour."

worse weather, and a couple of those missed exits that can set driver and navigator quietly or not-so-quietly blaming the other, but we're still holding up.

There's a risk to the domestic peace, of course, in spending this much uninterrupted time together, outside the unexamined daily routines and distractions, but as the kilometres go by, you might also have the time to actually

talk about something.

Even preparations can ramp up tension. Vacation time is scarce, and friends and family stake their claims. It can be hard to engineer a co-ordinated escape.

Expectations can run a little high. You've finally got the chance to get away together and damned if it's not going to be postcard perfection. Then your plan collides with reality.

Meticulous, detailed plans simply beg to be thwarted, so our itinerary so far has been a loosely arranged affair, a night out with some good mutual friends in Toronto, a rib place in North Carolina with a name that privately amuses us, the tourist trapping grounds of Myrtle Beach where I spent car-bound family vacations as a kid.

The latter was my idea, and it was largely a bust, with spring break louts hooting up and down a charmless main strip, a disastrous meal, and a shabby motel room that cost less

than the meal.

It's in such moments of manifest imperfection that I remember listening to my parents bicker from the backseat of that hot car or the unmistakable tone an ex's voice would take on when she was definitely not having fun and it was definitely my fault.

But the sun's up, and once it rises above the wall of corporate beachfront hotels, it's going to be a beautiful day. We still don't hate each other. So far, so OK.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Rewriting cultural norms is the answer

BroadMinded

Melinda Mattos

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When it comes to sexual assault, blaming the victim is nothing new. We've all heard it before: Her skirt was too short; she shouldn't have been out alone; she was asking for it.

But as I perused the headlines online last Friday, I discovered a new low: "Rapist hopes victim has learned 'to keep her doors locked.'"

I had to check the headline twice to make sure it

was real before I could move on to the article itself, about a sentencing hearing held for 27-year-old Daniel Katsnelson in Ontario Superior Court that day.

Katsnelson pleaded guilty in January to sexually assaulting two women on the York University campus during Frosh Week 2007. After scamming their way into a residence building, Katsnelson and a friend prowled the halls, checking for unlocked doors so they could "get lucky."

The women Katsnelson raped were 17 and 18 at the time, just starting university. In court on Friday, both women read disturbing victim impact state-

ments about the physical and psychological pain caused by the attacks.

Afterwards, Katsnelson's own thoughts were revealed by the Crown prosecutor, who read from a probation officer's report: "(Katsnelson) states he hopes some day the victim will be able to take away something positive from this, as he has." What, exactly? "That now maybe she will know to keep her doors locked."

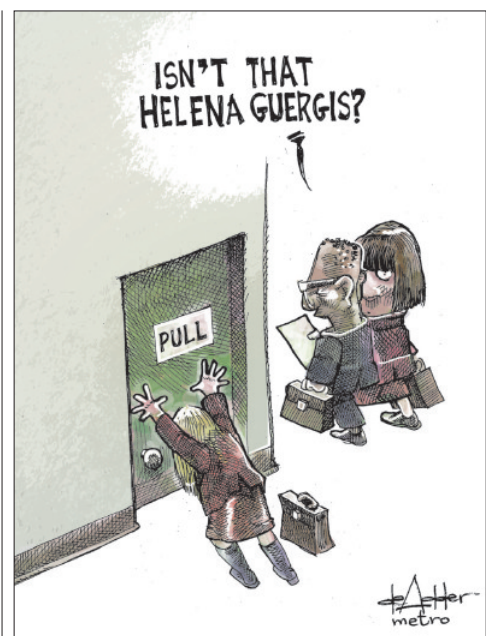
Are you kidding me? With logic like Katsnelson's, one might expect the victims to leap up from the stand to thank their rapist for teaching them a valuable life lesson. Perhaps they could all shake hands as well?

Real-life bogeymen like Katsnelson are the reason I grew up afraid of walking alone at night, afraid of strangers, afraid of almost everything. Some nights, when I'm home alone, there aren't enough locked doors in the world to make me feel safe.

But the answer isn't more locks. The answer is change. The answer is rewriting our cultural norms to build a world in which men no longer feel entitled to women's bodies and violence isn't an everyday occurrence.

Katsnelson's sentence will be delivered April 14.

Melinda Mattos is a Toronto-based writer, editor and co-founder of feminist teen magazine Shameless. Visit www.shamelessmag.com



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Toads a tool to predict earthquakes?

When it comes to predicting earthquakes, toads may be an asset. British researchers said Wednesday that they observed a mass exodus of toads from a breeding site in Italy five days before a major tremor struck, suggesting the amphibians may be able to sense environmental changes, imperceptible to humans. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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World



Silva staffer to run against him

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's chief of staff resigned on Wednesday so she can campaign to become Brazil's first woman president. Dilma Rousseff, pictured, and nine other members of Silva's cabinet stepped down ahead of the April 2 deadline for public office holders to resign to be eligible to run in October's general elections.

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Teen accused of selling 7-year-old sister for sex

A 15-year-old New Jersey girl set up her seven-year-old stepsister to have sex with as many as seven men and boys at a weekend party near their home and also accepted money for herself, police said.

Trenton police Capt. Joseph Juniak said Wednesday that the older girl started by taking money to have sex with several men at a party in a high-rise apartment Sunday. The teen then gave some of the money she had collected to the younger girl to let the men start touching her, Juniak said.

Two women found the child crying outside the apartment and walked her home.

The teen is charged with

aggravated sexual assault, promoting prostitution and other crimes. Her name was not released because of her age. She was being held in a juvenile detention facility.

A spokeswoman for the county prosecutor's office said prosecutors would seek to have the teen tried as an adult. Police believe as many as a dozen people were at the party. They are trying to track down the men and boys who attended and additional arrests are expected.

The child was treated at a hospital, and police said child protective services is working with the family to get her psychological help.

Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer called the crime "sickening" and said it was among the worst he's seen in his 20 years as mayor.

"The police are taking this personal," the mayor said. "I know there's a place in hell for all the people that participated in this, and I'm sure they will get there."

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Germany Setting sail on solar



The "PlanetSolar" is seen during its launch at Kiel, Germany, on Wednesday. The world's largest solar-powered boat is 31 metres long, 15 metres broad and 7.5 metres high. A German adventurer is preparing for what he says will be the first-ever world tour by a solar-powered boat, in April 2011.

News in brief

RUSSIA A Chechen militant claimed responsibility for the deadly attacks on the Moscow subway in an Internet message

posted Wednesday, hours after two more suicide bombers struck southern Russia, killing 12 people. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Rural customs eyed in baby case

CHINA Rural traditions of abandoning dead infants may have played a role in the case of 21 babies' bodies found along a river in eastern China, apparently dumped by hospital mortuary workers.

The little bodies — at least one stuffed in a yellow bag marked "medical waste" — were found floating and strewn along the bank of a river on the outskirts of Jining city in Shandong province last weekend. Hospital procedures normally call for families to take away dead infants, the Shandong province-based Qilu Evening News reported. However, the death of a young child is considered bad luck among some rural families, and the body is often abandoned or buried in unmarked graves.

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It looks like construction on a new stadium for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers will finally get underway this summer. Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger says the government will provide \$90 million in bridge financing for Winnipeg businessman David Asper. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Manufacturing gives economy a boost

The stalwart Canadian economy marched doggedly forward in January, growing faster than anticipated thanks to a healthy boost from a manufacturing sector that appeared to be in full rebound from the recession.

The month's 0.6 per cent rise in real gross domestic product, reported Wednesday by Statistics Canada, was the biggest one-month lift in more than two years

and just ahead of an economist consensus forecast of 0.5 per cent.

"The Canadian recovery is becoming more fully entrenched and is showing surprising strength, with the goods-producing sector in full rebound mode," Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist for BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a note to clients.

"Importantly, the recovery looks to be broadening beyond the initial push in

1.3% The amount goods-producing industries grew, largely on the strength of manufacturing and construction. After a 1.2 per cent gain in December, manufacturing was up 1.9 per cent in January, with 17 of 21 major groups advancing.

housing and consumer spending, as manufacturing has advanced for five

straight months."

The solid improvement will likely put more pressure on the Bank of Canada to raise interest rates in the next couple of months from their historic lows of 0.25 per cent."

The construction sector advanced 1.7 per cent, on a four per cent increase in residential construction and a one per cent rise in engineering and repair work. Non-residential building construction

bucked the trend, falling off a slight 0.5 per cent.

"These are unambiguously strong results, with GDP now rising at a whopping 6.9 per cent annual pace over the November-to-January period," Porter said.

"And, the economy has already recouped more than half of its recession losses, with GDP now up by 2.7 per cent from last May's low."

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Payroll

- Total hours worked by payroll employees increased by 0.3 per cent in January while non-farm payroll employment was virtually unchanged. Statistics Canada reports January's most notable job gains were in mining, quarrying, oil-and-gas extraction; construction; finance; transportation and warehousing.

Steelmakers call for antitrust investigation

ECONOMY European steel makers on Wednesday demanded an EU antitrust probe to check for monopoly abuse and cartel-type behaviour by the three major iron ore suppliers Vale, BHP Billiton Ltd and Rio Tinto after price increases of more than 80 per cent.

European car makers and engineering companies also complained that higher costs for iron ore, steel's key ingredient, could do serious harm to their business and were not justified by higher demand from emerging

economies China, India and Brazil. Steel federation Eurofer, which represents ArcelorMittal SA, ThyssenKrupp AG and Corus Group PLC, said it has lodged a formal complaint with the European Commission after Vale and BHP Billiton struck deals with Asian steel mills that would increase iron ore prices by between 80 per cent and 100 per cent.

The group said it saw "strong indications of illicit co-ordination of prices increases and pricing models."

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China Play ball



Jim Small, right, vice-president of Major League Baseball in Asia, shakes hands with Lei Jun, president of China Baseball Association, after a signing ceremony of strategic partnership and launch of MLB baseball park in Beijing, Wednesday.

Toronto Airline grounded



A worker at Pearson International Airport in Toronto stands in front of Skyservice Airlines' check-in counter Wednesday. The Skyservice chartered airline based in Toronto says it is going out of business and will wind up its operations. The company entered receivership in Ontario Superior Court Wednesday, after cancelling most of its scheduled flights out of the airport.

National Bank boss denies takeover talk

BANKING National Bank Financial Group says it has no reason to believe it could become the object of a hostile takeover, a scenario dismissed by the bank boss Wednesday as "finance fiction."

President and CEO Louis Vachon told shareholders that the prospect of bank mergers had fallen off the radar screen since the 2007-08 financial crisis, and said the idea of a foreign takeover also seemed far-fetched. There has been speculation over the years that smaller banks, like National, could be taken over because they weren't offered the same protections as bigger banks under 2000 reforms by then-fi-

nance minister Paul Martin. National says it will make major investments in its branch network and employee training this year, as the Quebec-based bank seeks to attract new business and grow market share. Vachon told the annual meeting the bank will complete the simplification and standardization of internal processes and use a new information system.

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CSA releases new safety guidelines

PROTECTION The Canadian Standards Association has unveiled a new national guideline aimed at protecting workers from becoming injured or dying in confined spaces.

The association says workers in confined spaces like grain silos, mines and hydro vaults can face a vast range of dangers that put them at risk of death or serious injury. CSA president Suzanne Kiraly says workers in many industries must go into confined spaces as part of their jobs and are at risk of suffocation from noxious gases, fire or falls. Would-be rescuers often become victims themselves and account for more than 60 per cent of fatalities in confined-space accidents.

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Acquisition in Bangladesh

Montreal-based clothing maker Gildan Activewear Inc. has bought a T-shirt factory in Bangladesh for \$15 million US. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Obama gives offshore oil drilling green light

Reversing a ban on oil drilling off most U.S. shores, President Barack Obama announced an expansive new policy yesterday that could put new oil and natural gas platforms in waters along the southern Atlantic coastline, the eastern Gulf of Mexico and part of Alaska.

Speaking at Andrews Air

Force Base outside Washington, Obama said, "This is not a decision that I've made lightly." He spoke of the expected outcry from environmentalists by saying he had studied the issue for more than a year and concluded it was the right call given the nation's voracious thirst for energy and the need to produce

jobs and keep American businesses competitive.


"We're announcing the expansion of offshore oil and gas exploration but in ways that balance the need to harness domestic energy resources and the need to protect America's natural resources," Obama said.

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Legislation called a 'step backward'

ENVIRONMENT Environmental groups and opposition politicians say the federal Conservatives are trying to gut environmental assessment laws by sneaking in new rules in budget legislation. "This is a big step backward," John Bennett of the Sierra Club said yesterday. The legislation would give the environment minister the power to divide a large project up into smaller components for the purpose of studying its environmental impact.

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Cleveland superstar LeBron James said Wednesday night that he's "probably not playing" for Team USA this summer in the world championships in Turkey. James, who was a captain on the U.S. team that won a gold medal at the Beijing Games in 2008, is eligible for free agency after the season and is scheduled to film a movie. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports

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Span's strange occurrence

Minnesota Twins leadoff man Denard Span, left, hit a hard foul ball that struck his mother in the chest during Wednesday's game. She was treated by paramedics and back in the stands minutes later. A stunned Span sprinted into the stands and stayed with his mother while she was treated.

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Jeff Francis, of North Delta, B.C., has not thrown a pitch in the majors since Sept. 12, 2008. He is slated to start on April 6, when he takes the mound for Colorado against Milwaukee.

Francis eager to regain form

Jeff Francis is back in his customary spot in the front part of the Colorado Rockies starting rotation, ready to resume a career interrupted by shoulder problems.

Whether or not the left-hander from North Delta, B.C., can pick up where he left off before his troubles began is a key question facing the defending National League wild card champions.

The signs have been mostly positive this spring, but the true answer only starts being revealed next week.

"There's no telling," Francis said in a recent interview.

"The only way to know is to get out there and do it. I can stand here all I want and say, 'Yeah I'm going to be the same guy.' If I don't go out and do it, there's no point.

"To me, I just have to get out there, get back to that rhythm, hopefully it comes back to me, and I can be the pitcher I know I am."

Francis will be trying to regain the form he showed in 2007, when the finesse

Injured Canucks

- Twins slugger Justin Morneau is returning from a stress fracture in his back.
- Right-hander Shawn Hill, now of the Toronto Blue Jays, is aiming for a return by June after undergoing a second Tommy John surgery on his elbow last year.
- Left-hander Erik Bedard is making slow but steady progress from shoulder surgery.
- Catcher Russ Martin appears set to open the season with the Los Angeles Dodgers on time next week after missing much of the spring with a groin injury.

pitcher set career highs with 17 wins, 215½ innings and 165 strikeouts while leading the Rockies to the World Series.

The Rockies would like to get themselves back into the post-season this year, and a healthy Francis can help on that front.

He'll follow opening-day starter Ubaldo Jimenez and start April 6 in Milwaukee, his first big-league outing since Sept. 12, 2008.

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Sports in brief

MLB Blue Jays left-hander Marc Rzepczynski is expected to miss up to six weeks with a broken finger after he was hit in the hand by a line drive in Tuesday night's spring training exhibition against the New York Yankees.

BILLS The Buffalo Bills will host the Indianapolis Colts in an NFL exhibition game in Toronto in August, the NFL announced Wednesday. The Bills and Colts will square off at Rogers Centre Aug. 19.

SOCCER Cesc Fabregas scored on a late penalty Wednesday as Arsenal fought back from two goals down to earn a 2-2 draw against Barcelona in their Champions League quarter-final. Barcelona pounced all over Arsenal in the first half but failed to score.

TENNIS Justine Henin made another comeback Wednesday. The former No. 1, playing her fourth tournament since coming out

of retirement, rallied to beat No. 2-seeded Caroline Wozniacki in the quarter-finals of the Sony Ericsson Open.

GOLF Fred Couples said Wednesday that he will play a practice round for the Masters with Tiger Woods at Augusta National Monday.

NBA Cavaliers centre Shaquille O'Neal says his surgically repaired thumb is healing ahead of schedule. Looking remarkably fit, O'Neal, who has been out since tearing a ligament in his thumb on Feb. 25 and having surgery, said he plans to resume basketball activities soon. He said his thumb is "good" and that he's looking forward to getting back on the court.

BASEBALL Barry Bonds is scheduled to return to AT&T Park in April when the San Francisco Giants honour the 10th anniversary of their 2000 NL West championship team. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Senators prospect wins MVP award in QMJHL

HOCKEY It has been a banner season for centre Mike Hoffman and the Saint John Sea Dogs.

Hoffman was named most valuable player and most sportsmanlike player of the year and Gerard Gallant took coach of the year honours in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League on Wednesday night at its annual Golden Puck awards.

The 20-year-old Hoffman, drafted 130th overall by the Ottawa Senators in 2009, took the Michel Briere Trophy as league MVP after a season of 46 goals and 39 assists in 46 games. The Kitchener, Ont., native had only 38 minutes in penalties to win the Frank Selke Trophy as most sportsmanlike player.

Hoffman helped the Sea Dogs to first place overall in the QMJHL this season

with a 53-12-3 record and a league-high 309 goals scored.

"We have a lot of depth on our team," said Gallant. "Our three 20-years olds — Hoffman, (Nicholas) Petersen and (goaltender Marco) Cousineau — that's a big part of our club."

"But we had a great draft last year. Seven of our kids 17 or younger are playing on our club and they're good players, so our depth is amazing and a big reason we won so many games."

Both Hoffman and Cousineau were members of the Drummondville Voltigeurs team that won the league championship last season.

"We were fortunate to have them because they probably could have had NHL contracts or an AHL job this year," said Gallant.

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Mike Hoffman

Doc stumbles as Blue Jays lay beating on old friend

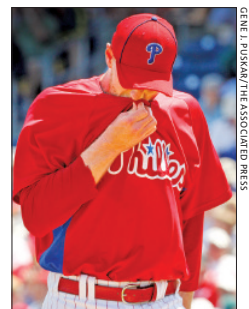
BASEBALL Roy Halladay was hit hard early then bounced back with four straight strikeouts against his former team, but the Philadelphia Phillies fell 5-2 to the Toronto Blue Jays Wednesday.

Halladay, who spent his first 12 big league seasons with the Blue Jays before joining the Phillies in December, allowed four runs and five hits in the first inning. He then struck four straight and retired the final seven batters he faced.

Halladay's final spring start was cut short at three innings to keep his arm fresh for the Phillies when they open the season in Washington Monday.

The Blue Jays greeted their former, longtime ace with a flurry of hits. After Jose Bautista led off with a double to centre, all-star second baseman Aaron Hill drilled the first pitch he saw from Halladay into the left-field bleachers for a two-run home run.

Adam Lind and Edwin Encarnacion followed with doubles later in the



Philadelphia's Roy Halladay walks to the dugout during Wednesday's game against the Jays in Clearwater, Fla.

inning and Alex Gonzalez added an RBI single as the Blue Jays jumped to a 4-0 lead against Halladay.

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Wade asks for sole custody of his two kids

Dwyane Wade has asked a court to grant him sole custody of his two young sons, adding to an already venomous and drawn-out divorce proceeding between the Miami Heat guard and his estranged wife. In addition, Wade has asked that his wife be ordered to undergo a psychological examination. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Rooney injury could be dire

It wasn't just Wayne Rooney's ankle that turned painfully on the turf in Germany. The whole of Manchester United's season is teetering on the edge of disaster after it succumbed to Bayern Munich in the Champions League and its vitally important striker hobbled on crutches out of the arena.

Until Tuesday night, and largely because of Rooney, United's parsimonious decision last year to sell Cristiano Ronaldo to Real Madrid in the off-season and not buy a like-for-like replacement for the Portuguese goal-scorer hadn't really seemed to matter.

United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said he wasn't willing to spend silly sums on a world-class star — someone, for instance, like Bayern's Franck Ribery, whose darting runs exposed United on Tuesday and who scored the first of its two goals.

Fans, meanwhile, worried that the real reason why Ferguson largely held on to the millions that Real forked out was because United's American owners needed the money to soak up some of the club's huge debts.

Whatever the truth, Rooney ensured that the loss of Ronaldo was quickly forgotten. As Rooney rained in goals, United's

underlying problems could be pushed onto the backburner.

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arms by United staff.

Whether his injury is bad wasn't immediately clear, but

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surgeon-like in exposing the weaknesses in clubs across Europe — quite possibly including United if Rooney is absent for long.

Rooney twisted his ankle at the end of United's 2-1 loss to Bayern and hobbled off, supported under the

for United, because now is when Ferguson needs his goals most.

Of the six Premier League matches United has left, none are more important than against second placed Chelsea this weekend. A loss could sink Unit-

ed's prospects of a fourth consecutive title. And unless it can score at least one goal when Bayern travels to Old Trafford in the return leg of their quarter-final next week, United will be out of the Champions League.



Wayne Rooney

Rooney has carried United this season, scoring 34 or one-third — of its 107 goals.

His very presence makes defenders nervous. Now 24, married and a father, Rooney is no longer the short-tempered player he was once.

But because Ferguson has tailored so much of his attack around the striker, turning United into something of a one-man team, losing Rooney for any length of time could be hard to compensate for.

United's only other player in double figures this season is Dimitar Berbatov, who has 12 Premier League goals but none in the Champions League.

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UFC says Vancouver event is a go

MMA The on-again, off-again UFC show in Vancouver is a go. At least according to the UFC.

UFC president Dana White confirmed to The Canadian Press that the mixed martial arts card will take place as scheduled June 12 at GM Place.

With insurance a major sticking point, the UFC played hardball and the MMA juggernaut appears to have won the day.

A Vancouver city

spokesman, while optimistic, was not declaring it a done deal yet.

"Negotiations are ongoing and we're very hopeful," said Wendy Stewart. "They're continuing and we're making progress."

"At this point discussions are underway."

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Ready for April showers?

Don't get caught in one of April's plentiful showers without the proper footwear. With spring upon us, Canadian company Kamik has introduced a new line of rain boots to keep feet dry and help you stay slip-free during the season's downpours. Besides the tons of adorable colours and patterns they come in (pictured left), the boots are 100 per cent recyclable and are available online at zappos.com or softmoc.com or at Softmoc stores for \$59.95.

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Toronto's show stoppers

Graphic prints, fur & embellishments lead LG Fashion Week



PAT MCDONAGH

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Pat McDonagh

Pat McDonagh spanned the sartorial spectrum with her fall/winter collection, opening with military-inspired outerwear and closing the show with a display of luxe eveningwear. Fur-trimmed collars and cuffs, brassy buttons and epaulettes were among the embellishments incorporated into the refined, rich wool coats steeped largely in red and black hues.

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Orange

Angela Chen served up a subtle twist on classic looks in a fall/winter collection encompassing cosy knits, sleek separates and chic eveningwear. Largely dominated by black and white pieces, the latest offerings from the Vancouver-raised designer featured delicate, clean designs.

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ORANGE

Evan Biddell

For his "Prehistory" collection, Evan Biddell chose fabrics that echoed equipment worn in battle and protective shells of prehistoric animals. Exaggerated shapes and pronounced structures were featured on the runway, including green metallic pleather, black neoprene and cork, and industrial finishes with accents of metal snaps and bolt buttons.

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Wall to wall wood at home

Hardwood floors have been used in homes around the world for centuries because of their ability to add warmth, elegance and charm to any decor.

They're never out of fashion and can add real value to your home. But until now some rooms such as bathrooms and basements were not considered ideal options for wood floors because of humidity concerns.

That's because wood swells like a sponge when it absorbs moisture and contracts as it dries out, causing dimensional variations in wood materials.

A simple way to prevent dimensional variations in wood is to control air temperature and relative humidity using a humidifier or an air exchanger. However, in some situations, such as in bathrooms and basements, this may be hard to achieve and floorboards will contract and expand. The solution for homeowners looking for wood flooring in these rooms is a product with enhanced dimensional stability that is less susceptible to changing conditions — engineered wood flooring.

According to Michel Collin, Marketing Director at Mercier Wood Flooring, a leading manufacturer of quality wood flooring, engineered flooring is made of plywood with a thin hardwood surface layer glued on top. Each layer of the plywood is glued so that the grain runs perpendicular to the next. This limits the contracting and



Engineered wood flooring can put hardwood surfaces in places that were not possible before.

"Now homeowners can enjoy the beauty of a real hardwood floor in areas they never thought possible before with solid wood flooring."

Michel Collin
of Mercier Wood Flooring

swelling action as the movement of each layer is counteracted by the opposite movement of the next layer, thereby enhancing dimensional stability.

This is most evident in Mercier engineered flooring Collin explained, as unlike most engineered flooring, which is composed of three to five layers, Mercier's contains seven cross-

banded layers for optimum stability.

"Engineered wood floors are constructed differently from solid wood floors and offer some advantages," he added. "Thanks to advancements in manufacturing technology, engineered wood floors can be used in almost any room in the home. This includes installing over dry, con-

crete slabs and some types of existing flooring. So now homeowners can enjoy the beauty of a real hardwood floor in areas they never thought possible before with solid wood flooring."

Most engineered wood floors are prefinished at the factory, which eliminates the mess, extra time and fumes associated with

applying the finish coats at home.

They're now even easier to install thanks to the latest product innovation in the industry called "LOC" from Mercier. Designers, builders and homeowners are excited by this next generation engineered floor that does not require glue or mechanical fasteners to install. Instead it uses a locking system optimized for its low production costs and superior installation characteristics.

"This product addition offers customers a user-friendly installation product for multi-story developments, basements, and is an ideal choice for the do-it-yourself projects," Collin added.

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Bring on a nice home improvement this year

HOME IMPROVEMENTS With the downturn in the economy and a slowdown in home sales many homeowners are going to be living where they are for longer than they expected. Home improvements will not only make staying in the same home more palatable but will increase the home's value. Many homeowners have found it's time for a home beauty makeover. They are selecting concrete pavers to add that beauty. Whether it is a new driveway, front walk or patio, homeowners are finding out that concrete pavers are the best material for the job.

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Many might shudder at the thought of renovating, but oftentimes a room doesn't need major surgery, just a minor facelift. Take the bathroom. To

keep the often-small room clutter-free, functional and fantastic, just a few slight changes can lift the spirits of a tired or troubled bathroom with minimal effort.

"The bathroom is no longer just a place to wash up," says Karen Kwinter, editor-at-large at Homemakers Magazine. "Decorate at will, with artwork, occasional chairs or stools and treasured accessories."

Take a cursory glance around — which accessories need a boost? It's almost always time for a new shower curtain, since it is a gathering place for mould and germs, and whether it's funky and bright or simple and streamlined, it can add fun or whimsy. New towels and a matching bath mat can also cast a fresh look.

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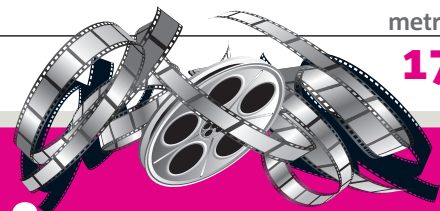


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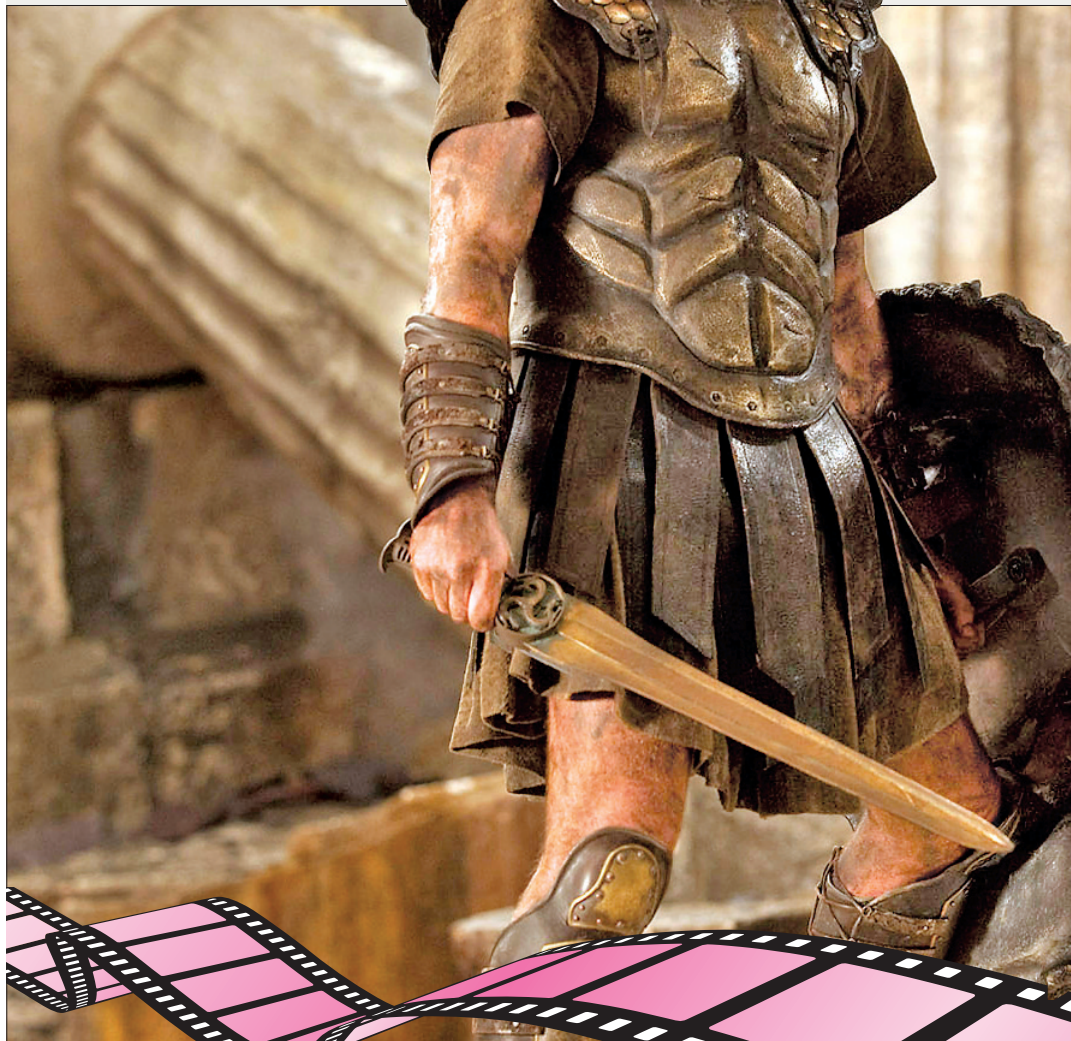
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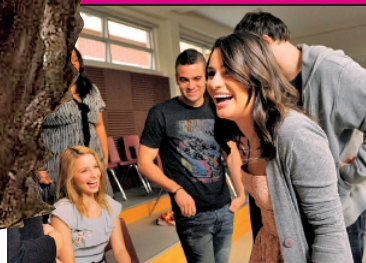
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Dare to go on a Date?

Fey, Carell join forces to fire up couple comedy

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To hear *Date Night* director Sean Levy tell it, Tina Fey and Steve Carell have been looking for a project to do together for a while, but the comedy stars insist that isn't the case.

"That must be in some sort of press release. We've gotten that a lot, that we've been looking for this project," Carell says. "When Sean asked both of us about this, he's the first person that put us together in theory. And we both jumped at the chance to do it. It seemed like a good idea. And I think it was."

Fey, however, is a little more hesitant, wanting to wait until the movie is released to give a verdict. "We'll see," she says.

Of course, with the success of their shows — Fey has numerous Emmys and Golden Globes as both an actress and a writer for *30 Rock*, while Carell is a four-time Emmy nominee for *The Office* — they seem like an obvious choice for an

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Steve Carell

on-screen pairing.

In *Date Night*, Fey and Carell star as a couple trying to put the spark back in their marriage on a night out in New

York that goes horribly wrong.

And while their film deals with what helps a marriage succeed, the stars — both happily married — are hesitant to offer advice of their own.

"We don't want to pretend to be marriage experts," Fey says. "If I was in a movie about a hospital, I would not give medical advice."

Date Night opens next Friday

Tina Fey and Steve Carell find themselves on a night-out from hell in *Date Night*.

But Carell is willing to give it a try.

"As a person who has been married for a while, I

would say what works for my wife and I is to just communicate and let each other know consistently in

Movie feature

very subtle ways that we care and that we're there for each other," he says.

"I don't think it's so much the big grand gestures, but it's kind of the little things that thread through a relationship. At least for us."

As for dating, it's something Fey says she doesn't miss at all.

"I've been on very few dates in real life, really very few," she says. "I went on a couple of high school dates where I ended up either hiding or pretending to be asleep because I didn't want to make out with the boy."

Both actors admit that their success on TV and in film has raised their profiles, but Carell still doesn't really consider himself famous.

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The Runaways raw and rocking

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FEATURE For Hamilton-bred filmmaker Floria Sigismondi, one of the great memories of making *The Runaways* came during rehearsal when star Kristen Stewart's singing voice fooled even the true-life character she was imitating — Joan Jett.

"(Joan) said, 'Turn my vocals down so I can hear (Kristen)' and I was like, 'It's all her!'" recalled Sigismondi during a recent interview in Toronto to promote her new biopic about the legendary '70s rock outfit.

"I knew Kristen could sing and play guitar but when I met her, there was a sense of shyness and toughness to her which Joan has ... and she really was determined and committed to the character and kind of soaked everything up."

Just as Stewart (best known for starring in the *Twilight* movies) mastered the gritty sound of Jett, Sigismondi absorbed the rest of teenaged rockers *The Runaways* — an all-girl group that was the brainchild of eccentric music producer Kim Fowley. Combing over singer Cherie Currie's 1989 memoir, Sigismondi soon harvested a script that was as

much about capturing a moody coming of age story as it was about the music.

"It was nice to do something that was a little more subtle," said Sigismondi who cut her teeth directing influential videos for artists like Marilyn Manson and Christina Aguilera.

"Being a visual person, I've paid attention to (detail) and I wanted to capture that — the life backstage, the pimples at that age, the diet of potato chips and burgers on the road — I just wanted to feel what it was like."

For *The Runaways*, being on the road also meant a tumultuous life of drug abuse, sex and struggling

egos at an incredibly young age. But it also meant paving the way for future female rockers during a time when bands like *The Bay City Rollers* ruled radio airwaves.

"I think it's that sense of rawness and energy," said Sigismondi regarding what catapulted *The Runaways* to fame in 1975.

"Nobody was really talking to young kids and they were kind of talking about and singing about their age group and about experiencing some of these things that were a little more seedy ... it was kind of raw and more physical and I think it completely goes with being 15."

Faris follows Hawn's footsteps

So, if Jennifer Lopez isn't the new Goldie Hawn, maybe Anna Faris is? Now she's out to prove it, signing up to remake of Hawn's star-making role with Private Benjamin. EMPIREONLINE.COM



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Even gods can't save 3-D Titans

Clash of The Titans

Director: Louis Leterrier

Stars: Sam Worthington, Ralph Fiennes

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News



Remakes are a dangerous business, and more often than not they serve as cautionary tales. *Clash of the Titans* follows this less-than-proud tradition, updating what's become something of a camp classic with a lifeless dirge.

The tale of young Perseus (Sam Worthington) leading a band of soldiers on a quest to save the people of ancient Greece from the wrath of the gods is told in plodding, self-serious tones, with our heroes literally walking from one action set piece to another.

This is the third blockbuster Worthington has fronted in less than a year (after *Avatar* and *Terminator Salvation*); and if he doesn't crack a smile in one, he'll soon risk over-staying his welcome.

Even as a big effects movie, *Clash of the Titans* comes up short. While the giant scorpions and the fearsome Kraken look pretty nifty, the digital effects for Medusa wouldn't be acceptable in a video game.

And many of the big battles are shot so quickly and frenetically, it's hard to tell what's going on — or which toga-clad soldier just got run through with pincer.

That's not to even mention to 3-D aspect. The film was hastily converted in post-production to 3-D after the success of *Avatar*, and that hastiness shows. If anything, *Clash of the Titans* serves as the best example of why 3-D movies should



Sam Worthington, right, plays the god-defying Perseus in the remake of *Clash of The Titans*.

be made that way from the start. If you must see *Clash of the Titans*, see it in 2-D.

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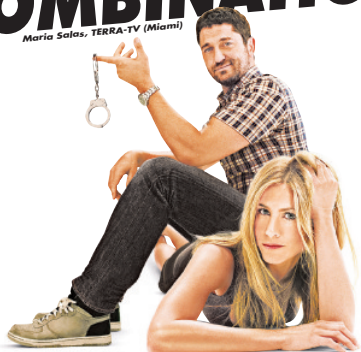
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Movie morsels

Alice In Wonderland

REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy Alice In Wonderland. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses. However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes. Burton regulars Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter take on the Mad Hatter and Red Queen respectively and unsurprisingly steal all or their scenes.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Chloe

REVIEW Despite being a remake of a French film, the new movie from Atom Egoyan bears all the earmarks of the director's work. Continuing his career long examination of sexual taboos and miscommunication he's made a movie that is part sexual Scheherazade, part Single White Female but is also his most straightforward movie in years. Starring Amanda Seyfried as an escort hired by Catherine (Julianne Moore) to test her husband's (Liam Neeson) fidelity, it's a steamy thriller the director calls "an extreme examination of how to eroticize a marriage." There is no question that Egoyan is as gifted a filmmaker as we have working in this country, but Chloe, I'm afraid doesn't denote a high-water mark in his filmography.

Richard Crouse/For Metro Canada

Hot Tub Time Machine

REVIEW As you might have guessed from the title, Hot Tub Time Machine is a stupid comedy, but fortunately it's a self-aware stupid comedy that mines laughs out of how ridiculous it all is. John Cusack, Rob Corddry, and Craig Robinson star as a group of middle-aged friends whose lives peaked in the '80s with a trip to a ski lodge. After a particularly bad week involving new ex-wives, infidelity, and a suicide attempt, they decide to return to the lodge (along with a young tag played by Clark Duke), only to discover a dilapidated town offering as much promise as their unfortunate lives. Fortunately, spilling an illegal energy drink on their hot tub (don't ask) sends them back to an '80s ski comedy complete with bad hair, cheesy music, and evil jocks obsessed with Red Dawn.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

How To Train Your Dragon

REVIEW Adapted from Cressida Cowell's children's novels, How To Train Your Dragon tells a simple story about a wimpy, young Viking named Hiccup (Canuck actor Jay Baruchel) who just can't live up to the expectations of his macho father (Gerard Butler). In fact, even when he sets out to slay a wounded dragon and gain his rightful place of honour, he instead makes a fire-breathing friend in the formidable beast. Meticulously crafted, Dragon's dark themes and stunning 3-D animation of battle sequences may even perhaps be a bit frightening to the littlest of ones.

Steve Gow/For Metro Canada

Shutter island

REVIEW Shutter Island sees Martin Scorsese taking on a thriller with all the familiar trappings of the genre. While the movie does provide the requisite suspense and entertainment, Scorsese also adds his distinct touch to the project, making this B-movie veer dangerously close to becoming an A picture. Shutter Island stars Leonardo DiCaprio in his fourth consecutive collaboration with Scorsese. Despite a wonky accent, it's one of DiCaprio's finest hours as an actor.

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Music

Wilson aims for return to the top

LABELS Gretchen Wilson the country singer has a lot riding on her new record, *I Got Your Country Right Here*.

But Gretchen Wilson the CEO has much more on the line. Wilson has taken the ultimate gamble as she prepares to launch her fourth album.

The 36-year-old Grammy winner split with Sony and started her own record label, the aptly named Redneck Records. It's been a long journey since the release of 2007's *One of the Boys*.

The decision to split with Sony has given her a new sense of empowerment, though. She says it's taken a lot of energy and a lot of time, but it feels wonderful to work for herself and to be in control of everything.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Julian enjoys solo route

Strokes frontman having fun performing without his band

KUMAR SAHA
Metro Canada

Julian Casablancas is having a lot of fun without The Strokes. Maybe even more fun.

"It's the less cooks in the kitchen thing. It's a little more laidback," the iconic New York band's frontman tells Metro over the phone while en route to a taping of NBC's *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon*.

You can't blame the 31-year-old rocker for being mildly chirpy about going solo. Released last fall, his debut album *Phrazes for The Young* found a warm critical reception. And right before he kickstarted his current North American tour, which includes a stop in Toronto tomorrow, his profile received a solid boost from an unlikely quarter — a spoofy viral video.

The Boombox clip, featuring a guest spot from Casablancas for a song by comedian Andy Samberg's band *Lonely Island*, made its debut on Saturday Night Live earlier this month and sent the blogosphere abuzz with praise for not just its loving send-up of '80s subculture but also for Casablancas' equally goofy



Julian Casablancas' debut *Phrazes for The Young* was received warmly by music critics.

performance.

It all seems like a blast now but Casablancas' solitary effort was not born out of the most breezy circumstances.

"Two years after the last Strokes record (2006's *First Impressions of Earth*) when we were kind of getting together to do something again, I think three people in the band were working on solo records," Casablancas says. "I wouldn't say I

was mad. But I didn't want to do a Strokes record under those circumstances ... they weren't really present, you know."

Absentee bandmates proved to be the perfect opportunity for Casablancas to explore his love for the rhythms of the "late '70s-early '80s" on his own terms. "I have lots of subconscious memories from the '80s. Sonically, I was going for (that). But musically

I was probably more influenced by bands like *Hot Chip*," explains Casablancas.

The synth-driven sounds of the record were pretty clear in his head and Casablancas did not want to enlist producers who would simply enforce their ideas on his songs. But, in Jason Lader and Bright Eyes' Mike Mogis, Casablancas found the collaborators who could facili-

"I have lots of subconscious memories from the '80s. Sonically, I was going for (that). But musically I was probably more influenced by bands like *Hot Chip*."

Julian Casablancas

tate exactly what he was looking for.

"They were just great. If you described something they could just nail it," Casablancas says.

Despite the solo success and recent reports about The Strokes working on their fourth album without their vocalist, Casablancas has good news for fans — he is still committed to the band that has launched a thousand imitators since 2001's rock-reviving *Is This It*. He admits that the group's dynamics "are better now than they have been in a long time" and the album — slated for a late 2010-early 2011 release — is making progress.

"It's about halfway done, I guess. It's crawling there," Casablancas says.

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Music

New rock blooms in spring

Expect new music from The Dead Weather, STP

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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With tulips in bloom and allergies in the air, here's the second half of a look at some major rock releases coming this spring.

Sea of Cowards, The Dead Weather (May 7): Jack White's other OTHER band (the one where he's the drummer) just released the first single, Die by the Drop about 10 days ago. Jack also has notions of making more music with Meg in the White

Stripes, another Raconteurs record, a project with Jay-Z and producing an album for his wife, Karen Elson. Dude, take a vacation.

Diamond Eyes, Deftones (May 18): With bass player Chi Cheng still trying to recover from injuries sustained in a horrible car accident in November 2008, the band elected to shelve the album they were working on with him — temporarily, they hope — and moved on with a project featuring Quicksand bass player Sergio Vega. Fans have been most impressed by what they've heard so far.

Stone Temple Pilots, Stone Temple Pilots (May 25): Many people — myself included — didn't give this reunion a hope



Stone Temple Pilots have kept things together long enough to record a new album, out May 25.

in hell of lasting much longer than the obligations surrounding a tour that began almost two years ago. Yet STP has hung together long enough to record its first

album since 2001. The first single, Between the Lines, is my favourite rock single of 2010 so far.

Songs of Ascent, U2 (June 17): With the 360 tour set to restart on June

3, U2 may have a new album to work into its set. Those hoping for a shift back to the band's classic sound after No Line on the Horizon may be in for a disappointment. Bono

has been quoted as saying this album features a "marked shift in sound" and is a "reflective, meditative piece of work." If the rumoured June 1 release date is correct — no guarantees — we should see a single very soon. But other rumours suggest that we'll get a single in June with a full album in September.

Meanwhile, U2 fans can sort through Artificial Horizon (May 14), a collection of remixes of No Line on the Horizon songs created by artists such as Trent Reznor and Hot Chip, the British electronic outfit. There's also the possibility of a DVD of last year's YouTube-streamed show in Pasadena on May 21. And did I mention the Achtung Baby deluxe reissue that may hit stores in September?

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Plants and Animals are streaming new album *La La Land* (out April 20) via secrectcityrecords.com, with one twist — they'll be revealing the album in stages offering new tracks every few days. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Music

Apollo Theater hall of fame inducting Jackson, Franklin

PEOPLE Michael Jackson and Aretha Franklin are being inducted into the Apollo Theater's hall of fame in New York City.

The late King of Pop and the Queen of Soul will be honoured with the Apollo Legends Hall of Fame on June 14 at the historic Harlem theatre.

Jackson first performed at the Apollo at its Ama-



Franklin



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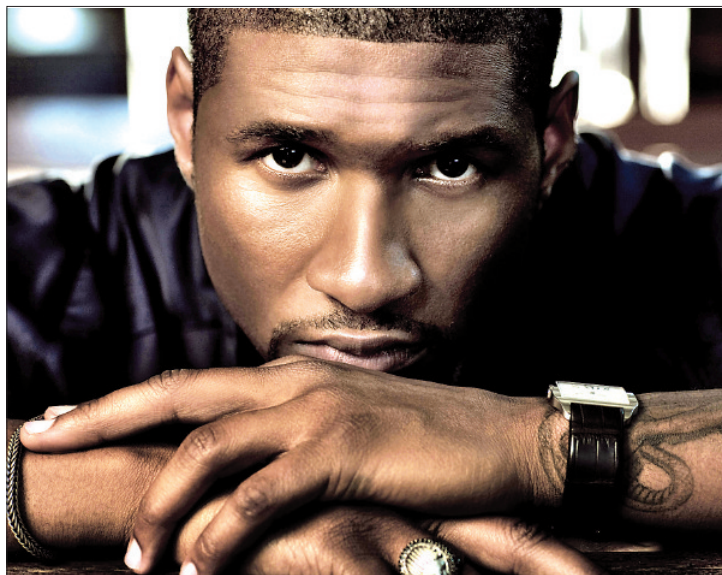
teur Night with his brothers in the late 1960s. They won, and their career as

the Jackson Five was launched.

Franklin is scheduled to attend the ceremony.

Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony will also be honoured with the theatre's arts and humanitarian award. Past hall of fame inductees include Quincy Jones, Patti LaBelle and Ella Fitzgerald.

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Raymond v Raymond is the first album from Usher since his divorce last year.

Usher pours heart out over breakup

Usher

Album: *Raymond v Raymond*

Label: Sony Music

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

WHEN USHER

FILED for divorce last June from Tameka Foster, it was a no brainer that his album would end up dealing with his messy split. The R&B superstar pours his heart out all over this smooth sounding disc, but especially on the soft, gut-wrenching track *Papers* where he says, "I'm ready to sign them papers ... I done took all I can take." Other songs deal with his newfound bachelorhood — on *So Many Girls* the singer doesn't mince words, "The king is back," he says defiantly, then repeats the song's title over and over again. Usher is clearly enjoying the single life.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Erykah Badu

Album: *New Amerykah Part Two: Return of the Ankh*

Label: Universal

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ½

NO MATTER

WHAT type of music Erykah Badu makes, it's her eclectic voice that people really want to hear. It helps,

though, when the music is good. Fortunately, she's had a pretty solid track record and her latest is another exciting listen. Badu's fifth LP isn't, fortunately, nearly as heavy as its predecessor — this album is filled with light, airy soul tunes about love. However, she's still not writing conventional songs — opener *20 Feet Tail* is a dreamy keyboard track with a repetitive vocal melody, while *Agitation's* jazz-meets-soul combo is a must-hear.

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Huron

Album: *Huron*

Label: Latent

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

KING-SIZE RIFF

rock with a rootsy edge from a Hamilton band that's screaming to be heard. If the double guitar intro on opening track *The Biggest Dig* doesn't send you reeling, then you're just not playing it loud enough. Huron has been hiding out at Toronto's *Dakota Tavern* for the past few months playing some big buzz shows with indie rock lord Ian Blurton. Guitarists Aaron Goldstein and Cam Malcolm have also been learning the ropes with Tom Wilson's Lee Harvey Osmond. The Cowboy Junkies like them enough

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to put Huron's debut on their own Latent label. It's time to start taking these guys seriously, in a big way. **Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada**

Love Is All

Album: *Two Thousand*

and *Ten Injuries*

Label: Polyvinyl

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

ON THEIR THIRD LP, *Love Is All* haven't lost any of their signature bottle-up-and-explode spirit, but there's something different now. The Gothenburg-based Swedes are still led by frontwoman Josephine Olausson's bubblegum pep and sentimental silliness, but the noisy climaxing sparked by the spiky guitars, skronking sax and feverish rhythms has yielded way to a newfound confidence in how they're arranging songs. There's a laidback dubby tilt to *False Pretense*, a patient approach to using crescendos on *Never Now* and *A Side in a Bed* plays like a new-wave-infused lullaby. More than anything, *Two Thousand* and *Ten Injuries* shows *Love Is All* are an anomaly in the oversaturated post-punk homage biz.

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At least he's not lip-synching ... yet

Despite widespread speculation that Justin Bieber would sing live on American Idol this week, the singer will actually tape a performance that will air later this season. **TVGUIDE.COM**



Going Out

Mix of Six

Harlem Globetrotters

When: Saturday, 7 p.m.
Where: Scotiabank Place

The world's most famous team brings its all-new show, Magical Memories, to Scotiabank Place. Now in its 84th consecutive season of touring the world, the Globetrotters' high-flying show features some of the most extraordinary athletes and entertainers on the planet.

Jello Biafra & the Guantanamo School of Medicine

When: Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
Where: Mavericks, 221 Rideau St.

Punk band Jello Biafra and band performs Dead Kennedys classics and new material in their first Ottawa show.

Macbeth by Verdi

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: National Arts Centre, Southam Hall

Shakespeare's Macbeth gets the operatic treatment as Opera Lyra Ottawa presents Verdi's opera.

Easter at Billings Bridge Estate

When: Sat., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Where: Billings Estate National Historic Site

Ring in the new season with a day of Easter egg hunts, egg dyeing, crafts and chocolate making. Admission is \$6/person, \$10/pair or \$15/family.

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When: Sat., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Enjoy an Easter egg craft, visit some fuzzy farm friends, and hunt for your very own Easter eggs around the property. Admission is \$6/person, \$10/pair or \$15/family.

Fido Magic Show

When: Saturday
Where: Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointhe Dr.

Presented by the Responsible Dog Owners of Canada in partnership with the City of Ottawa and Critter Jungle, this event is celebrating the launch of Fido, Friend or Foe?, a children's activity book that focuses on bite prevention.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now**1 Elementary School Scarface**

INTERNET It turns out an elementary school adaptation of the Al Pacino classic Scarface — which was posted on YouTube (check it out at metronews.ca/metrotube) — was actually a planned production by the team behind Lady Gaga's Poker Face video. TMZ reported the discovery, but it still doesn't take away from oddness of watching a kid playing Tony Montana.

4 April Fool's Day

POP CULTURE This is perhaps the only day other than Halloween when it's permitted to play tricks on people and get away with it (check out the story below for ideas). The origins of the day go way back to the Middle Ages, but radio stations and phoney news items seem to be the *de rigueur* way of marking the annual event these days.

5 Chocolate

FOOD Just in time for Easter, a new study is suggesting small doses of chocolate every day could decrease your risk of having a heart attack or stroke by nearly 40 per cent. German researchers followed nearly 20,000 people over eight years, sending them several questionnaires about their diet and exercise habits. Time to grab that chocolate bunny.

**6 Kate Gosselin**

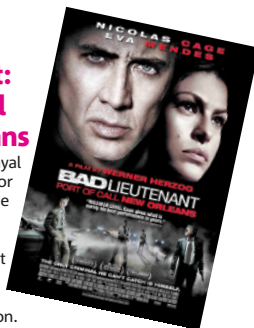
TELEVISION Two weeks into Dancing with the Stars and reality-TV's most infamous mom is still toe-tapping — surviving a rough patch that included a row with her dance partner. Is it an attempt by show producers to boost ratings, or is Gosselin a Ginger Rogers in the making?

2 Ricky Martin

POP CULTURE The singer revealed perhaps the worst-kept secret in the world by officially announcing on his website that he is a "fortunate homosexual." The father of twin boys is quoted as saying he feels "stronger than ever" after making the announcement.

3 Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans

DVD Nicolas Cage's portrayal of a crooked cop in director Warner Herzog film will be available on DVD come Tuesday. Real cinephiles will be quick to compare it to the 1992 film starring Harvey Keitel that Herzog adapted for this production.

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On a fool's errand

ELIZABETH BRAW
Metro World News

John Hargrave has conducted pranks ever since he was born — on April 1. (It's no joke.)

Today he runs the world's most popular prank website, which gets record traffic every April Fools Day.

"Aim big," advises Hargrave, the founder of zug.com and author of two bestselling prank books.

"Go for multinational corporations, politicians and celebrities. People love it when you turn the system against itself."

"They hate how you have to go through many layers of publicists and assistants to reach a celebrity."

Once Hargrave pretended to be a sick 11-year-old girl, writing mass murderer Charles Manson a letter asking for support.

Surprisingly, Manson responded and enclosed three wooden jewelry boxes he'd made in the

prison workshop.

Hargrave did feel slightly sorry for Manson, the killer of Roman Polanski's wife.

The best pranks, he says, are funny, don't hurt anyone, and has everyone laughing.

For kids, Hargrave suggests swapping the bags in cereal boxes or the contents of ketchup and mustard bottles.

But the most masterful prank was the one played by MIT students one April Fools Day. They transported a police car to the top of the MIT campus's main building. On April 1 it sat there, sirens wailing.

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Joan Rivers and Wayne Newton are just two of the new faces coming to WE TV's new slate of programming. Rivers will star alongside her daughter, Melissa Rivers, in *Mother Knows Best*, and Newton in a show called *Wayne's World*. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Television

Mental hospital for Garner fan

STALKING A judge is sending a man arrested outside a school attended by Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck's daughter to a state mental hospital.

Los Angeles County District Attorney's spokeswoman Jane Robison says Steven Burky pleaded no contest Tuesday to two counts of stalking the celebrity couple and their children.

Robison says a judge found the 37-year-old to be not guilty of the offences by reason of insanity after a hearing.

Burky was ordered to stay away from Garner, Affleck and their family for 10 years if he is released.

Burky was arrested in December after violating a civil restraining order Garner obtained in 2008.

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Glee, Ferguson get Peabodies

The winners of the 2009 Peabody Awards, announced Wednesday, include the ABC sitcom Modern Family, Fox network's Glee, CBS's The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson and HBO's The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency.

The awards recognize achievement and public service by TV and radio stations, networks, producing organizations, individuals and the Internet.

Other winners include the BBC's dramatic reconstruction *The Day that Lehman Died* and National Public Radio's website.

"To those who say all media content is the same, or presented from a single perspective, we offer this great range of material as a response," said Horace Newcomb, director of the Peabody Awards, in a statement.

"Our selections demonstrate that great work available in 2009 varied widely and appealed to viewers and listeners with very different tastes, interests and concerns," he said.

An award ceremony for the 69th annual Peabody Awards will be held May



The cast of *Glee* will be glad to hear the show won a 2009 Peabody Award.

17 in New York.

It will be hosted by ABC World News anchor Diane Sawyer, who will receive an award for *A Hidden America: Children of the Mountains*, a documentary shot in Appalachia.

Announcing the awards, Cully Clark, dean of UGA's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, said *Modern Family*, which follows the ups and downs of an extended fam-

ily, "reinvents the situation comedy."

Other shows recognized with a Peabody included *Glee*, a musical dramedy about the members of a high school singing club; *In Treatment*, HBO's therapy drama; and *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, a series about a female detective in Botswana based on the novels by Alexander McCall Smith.

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- *The Cost of Dying* (CBS)
- *Independent Lens: Between the Folds* (PBS)
- *Glee* (FOX)
- *npr.org* (National Public Radio)
- Diane Rehm (personal award)
- *The Day that Lehman Died* (BBC World Service)
- *Inventing LA: The Chancellors and Their Times* (PBS)
- *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* (HBO)
- *Sabotaging the System* (CBS)
- *Brick City* (Sundance Channel)
- *Thrilla in Manila* (HBO)
- *FRONTLINE: The Madoff Affair* (PBS)
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Roman Polanski update: Yep, he's still in Switzerland

COURTS Prosecutors angrily deny claims by Roman Polanski's lawyers that they tried to conceal evidence in his 32-year-old sex case, and they have renewed demands that an appeals court order him to return to the United States for sentencing.

Two prosecutors who handle appellate matters for the district attorney's office argue in a 26-page brief filed Tuesday that allowing Polanski to avoid extradition from Switzerland hurts the integrity of the judicial system more

than revelations of alleged misconduct by a now deceased judge.

They also claim there has been a misinterpretation of an extradition treaty with Switzerland and that Polanski should be returned for a court hearing in Los Angeles.

The 76-year-old film director fled the U.S. in 1978 after pleading guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor.

He remains under house arrest at his chalet in Switzerland.

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Television

Big performances from Idol's top 10

But no sweet love from Simon for Tim

Andrew Garcia and Lee Dewyze are back in the American Idol judges' good graces.

After a string of lacklustre performances, 24-year-old musician Garcia of Moreno, Calif., finally wowed the panel with a stripped-down rendition of Chris Brown's

Forever, while 23-year-old paint sales clerk Dewyze of Mount Prospect, Ill., treated the Fox singing competition Tuesday to a rock 'n' roll take on the Cornelius Brothers' Treat Her Like a Lady.

Simon Cowell told Dewyze: "I want you tonight to go home, watch the show back and understand this is the night your life may have changed forever."

The sour British judge was also generous — in a totally different way — to

"This is the night your life may have changed forever."

Simon Cowell, to Lee Dewyze

a giggling Tim Urban.

After weeks of scathing critiques, Cowell practically surrendered to the seemingly unstoppable shaggy-haired 20-year-old college student from Duncanville, Texas, after his uninspired rendition of Anita Baker's Sweet Love.

"He's laughing because I don't think it makes any difference whatsoever what we say," said Cowell.

Crystall Bowersox, the earthy 24-year-old musician from Toledo, Ohio, traded her guitar and bare

feet for a piano and high heels on Gladys Knight and the Pips' Midnight Train to Georgia. Kara DioGuardi praised her because she "took that risk," while Ellen DeGeneres deemed it a "wonderful, wonderful idea."

Cowell cautioned Bowersox to stay true to herself.

"I wouldn't ever do anything that wasn't comfortable for me," she replied.

The reception wasn't as warm, unlike previous weeks, for 20-year-old glass blower Siobhan Magnus of Marstons Mills, Mass. DeGeneres and DioGuardi panned Magnus for being nervous during Chaka Khan's Through the Fire. Cowell, meanwhile, said Magnus's signature wailing was waning on him.

"I am getting bored of the screaming at the end."

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You can just call it 'Loi et Ordre'

CAMEO Isabelle Huppert is poised to join the ranks of acclaimed French actresses who have graced Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.

According to series executive producer Neal Baer, Huppert is expected to guest star in the NBC drama's season finale as the mother of a kidnapped child.

The episode airs April 28.

Anna Nicole part of horsey history

DISPLAY Two dresses that the late Anna Nicole Smith wore to the Kentucky Derby will be displayed at the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Smith died of an accidental overdose three years ago at a Florida hotel.

Louisville station WAVE-TV says the dresses will be on temporary display and are on loan from Larry Birkhead, who is from Louisville and has a daughter with Smith.

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OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/10	265	353	2	TVO	Super Structures (N)	The Agenda With Steve Paikin	Party Animals	MasterWorks (N)	Agenda-Paikin			
	211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	The Office (HDTV)	90210 (HDTV) (N)	News Hour			
	-	-	5	SRC	Virginie (SC)	Infoman (SC)	Le Show caché (SC)	Le Téléjournal Nouvelles (SC)	T Ontario			
	209	342	6	CHRO	TMZ (N)	Access H.	FlashForward (HDTV) (N)	Fringe "Peter" (N)	(10:01) Private Practice (N)	Comedy Now		
	196	311	7	CTV	The Vampire Diaries (N)	The Mentalist (HDTV) (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n	CTV News			
	208	303	8	CBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Nature of Things (N)	Love, Hate and Propaganda	CBC News: The National	The Hour		
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Office "Niagara"	The Office (HDTV)	The Marriage Ref (N)	News		
	117	713	10	TVA	Extrême (N)	Histoires-filles	Dieu merci (HDTV) (SC)	Deux filles le matin (SC)	TVA nouvelles (10:45) Denis Lévesque			
	-	-	11	QC	Big Brother QC	Rire et délire	Menace solaire (2008) Tracey Gold, Michelle Clunie. Début.	L'Attaque à 5 (N)		Big Brother QC		
	137	763	12	TFO	Panorama	La Grande soif	Ascenseur pour l'échafaud (1957, Suspense)	Villages	Envers des			
	-	362	13	CBS	The Insider (N)	Judge Brown	The Mentalist (HDTV) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n	Two/Half Men			
	216	395	14	OMN2	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition	Omni News: Cantonese Edition	Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case	
	214	344	15	CITY	Law & Order: Special Victims	30 Rock	Parks-Recreat	On Purpose	30 Rock	The Marriage Ref (N)	News	
	115	343	16	CFMT	Two/Half Men	The Office	Omni News: Italian Edition (N)	Vivere V	Omni News:	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Metropia	
	218	345	18	CHCH	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971, Fantasy)	FlashForward (HDTV) (N)	What's Up, Doc? *** (1972, Comedy)	Barbra Streisand	(10:01) Private Practice (N)	News at 11 (N)		
	-	361	20	ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Heure poll.	L'Heure politique	Revue	Période-quest.		
	512	396	24	CPAC	La Période de questions	Heure poll.	100 Huntley Street	Life Today	This Is Day	John Hagee		
	561	355	25	CTS	Little House on the Prairie	Bones (HDTV) (N)	Fringe "Peter" (N)	FOX 2 News (N)	News			
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Murdoch Mysteries	Poirot	Charlie Rose			
	-	64	PBS	Business Rpt.	Energy	Manor Born	Time Goes By	Grey's Anatomy (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n	CTV News		
	205	312	104	CTV	The Vampire Diaries (N)	The Mentalist (HDTV) (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	CBC News: The National	The Nature of Things	National		
	500	500	33	CNN	John King, USA (N)	Connect with Mark Kelley (N)	Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			
	406	417	27	net	Overtime	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Ottawa Senators. (HDTV) (Live)		Sportsnet Connected	Prime Time			
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes	Grands reportages (SC)	Le Téléjournal (SC)	RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal		
	400	280	30	TSN	NHL Hockey Buffalo Sabres at Toronto Maple Leafs. (Live)		SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	SportsCentre			
	410	403	52	SCR	MLB Preview	Poker Million Pound Challenge.	World Poker Tour	Hardcore Fighting	NBA Basketball			
	411	457	56	OLN	Ghost Hunters	Destination Truth	Oper. Repo	Oper. Repo	Ghost Hunters	Destin. Truth		
	417	406	59	SC	NASCAR	NASCAR Hub	Barrett-Jackson Automobile Auction (HDTV) From the South Florida Fairgrounds, Palm Beach. (N)	X-Men *** (2000, Action)				
	554	544	48	TEL	Johnny Test	Johnny Test	Spliced (N)	Futurama	King of the Hill			
	557	540	51	FAM	Han. Montana	Suite Life	Sonny Chance	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School	Cory in House	That's-Raven
	551	542	65	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	8 Simple Rules	What I Like	Family Biz	To Be Indie	Prank Patrol
	570	580	29	MTV	The Daily Fix	Ranked!	mmap10.ca	My Life as Liz	My Life as Liz	Mariah Carey: Mimi	G. Simmons	
	516	520	31	A&E	The First 48 (HDTV)	The First 48 (HDTV)	Ways to Die	Ultimate Iceman: Chuck Liddell	Fugitive Chronicles (N)	Ultimate Fight		
	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n.	Police Women of Maricopa	Police Women of Maricopa	LA Ink (HDTV) (N)	Humanima	Hors série	TV5 Le Journal	
	521	560	34	TLC	LA Ink (HDTV)	Inde-parfums	Wide Awake (2007, Drama) Missy Peregrin.	Damages (HDTV) (N)	Crash & Burn			
	145	761	35	TV5	Relic Hunter	Storytellers	Innovators	Writers	Descent (2005, Science Fiction) Luke Perry, Michael Dorn.	Law & Order		
	616	521	39	BVO	Storytellers	Snapshot	Who Framed Jesus? The death of Jesus. (N)	MythBusters	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	UnStable	
	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Reba	Reba	According-Jim	According-Jim	Chop Shop	ET Canada
	575	583	43	SLC	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	X-Weighted "Tammy"	Bootcamp	Last 10	Chop Shop	Chop Shop	ET Canada
	625	548	46	COM	Air Force	22 Minutes	Cornier Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Martin	Day Show
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	Law & Order: Special Victims	House-Bryan	Real Reins (N)	House Hunters
	600	564	49	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Holmes Inspection	Human Target "Tanarak"	My Life as Liz	My Life as Liz	Taking, Stage	Made
	627	584	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis	(DVS)	Star Trek: Voyager	Cribs	Going Out, Him	Family Guy	Family Guy	Comback
	581	566	53	MTV	Peak Season	Cribs	Whatsoever	Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)	Ax Men (HDTV)	Scènes de crime	Re-Inventors	J'ai frié
	618	524	54	TROP	Reality	Ice Road Truckers (HDTV)	Science du combat (HDTV)	Gangland "Hate Nation" (SC)	Remaking the Shroud	Confidential	Confidential	Love It-List It
	522	506	55	HIS	Biographies "Mel Gibson"	On the Buses	The Good Life	American Outlaws * (2001, Western)	Colin Farrell, Scott Caan, Ali Larter.	The Dr. Oz Show (N)	TMZ	
	129	773	60	CD	Murder, She Wrote	Love It or List It	Flame	Moose TV	The View (HDTV)	HEAT, McEwan	At the Table	Ultimate Recipe Showdown
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The pupusa I ordered was generously stuffed with pork and cheese and contrasted perfectly with the sharp, spicy cabbage curtido, almost a pickled cabbage taste.

The corn tortilla tacos filled with chicken and beef were uninspiring, but rescued by the fresh salsa.

Anticipating a crispy taste of satisfying plantain, I was disappointed to find it much too dry, possibly due to green plantains being used instead of black, completely ripe ones.

The tamales, or corn cakes, lacked flavour, although it had been nicely steamed in a banana leaf, giving it an authentic Salvadorian appeal.

The fried yucca was crispy on the outside and soft and fluffy on the inside but too light on the flavour side.

Ambience at La Cabana was authentic Central American, aided by the big screen TV featuring favourite Spanish Jerry Springer-like shows.

The low-key, laid back atmosphere was the perfect backdrop for a casual visit to El Salvador, but be aware when you go that this is a time to slow down.

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Sarah Palin loves Cool James, but the feeling isn't mutual. Rap legend and actor LL Cool J is featured in promos for Palin's FOX News show, but he says the network never asked him to participate, popeater.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Celebrity Buzz

Wouldn't pay her bills

WHAT A JERK FOR NOT WANTING TO BE LIKED JUST FOR HIS MONEY A penetrating profile of the champion golfer's inner circle and his secret life has emerged, and Woods is described as being insatiable, unsatisfied at home and cheap, people.com reports.

The only thing Woods ever bought girlfriend Mindy Lawton was a chicken wrap from Subway, she tells Vanity Fair, while Jamie Jungers blamed

her breakup from the golfer on his refusal to help her financially.

Jungers also reveals that all her rendezvous with Tiger were organized through Bryon Bell —

Woods' childhood friend and the president of Tiger Woods Design —

contradicting Woods' recent statements that no one in his inner circle knew about his affairs. In

addition to Bell, Tiger's agent Mark Steinberg seemed to know what was going on. Lawton says when she alerted Woods that the National Enquirer was aware of their affair, Woods put her in contact with Steinberg, who reportedly said, "We'll take care of it."

Speaking on Wednesday's Today show, the article's author Mark Seal said the story is about a man who presented himself as a paragon of family values who was, in fact, leading a secret double life.

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Bean there done that

WOW, SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE A MUSICIAN? WEIRD 'CAUSE THAT TURNED OUT SO WELL FOR HER PARENTS When Frances Cobain agreed to be a guest vocalist on pal Amanda Palmer's new concept album, headlines swirled that the 17-year-old daughter of Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love was following in her parents' musical footsteps.

Not so fast, people.com reports.

"She's got a great voice," Palmer says. "But she's a really good visual artist."

She's really interested in graphic novels."

Cobain was intrigued by Palmer and fellow musician Jason Webley's concept for the album, Evelyn Evelyn, which focuses on a conjoined twin singer-songwriter duo.

Palmer was impressed with Cobain for

more than her singing.

"She's really smart, level-headed, motivated, and incredibly funny," says Palmer, who met Cobain for the first time while with her fiancé, graphic novelist Neil Gaiman, of which Cobain is a fan. "She has her own really strong personal work ethic and she wants to find her own voice and make her own art and she's going to do it by playing by her own rules."

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Ms. Mischa Barf-on, everyone!

CELEBRITY REHAB FOR YOU, MY DEAR Mischa Barton had a pretty rough night out in Hollywood re-

cently, sources tell the New York Daily News.

The former O.C. star reportedly showed up to Bar Marmont by herself looking "totally out of it," a source says.

"A few minutes after she comes in, she runs out-

side and vomits everywhere.

"And then she went back inside and hung out for the rest of the night."

Barton's rep had no comment.

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He's ah-live!

OR AT LEAST HE WAS WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL Conrad Murray and at least one doctor at UCLA Medical Center claim that Michael Jackson did have a detectable heartbeat when he reached the hospital, according to TMZ.

The revelation contradicts Jackson

family lawyer Brian Oxman's claim that the singer was dead before paramedics even arrived at his home. Oxman insists the detectable heartbeat was due to doctors' resuscitation efforts and nothing else.

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Time to look inside

A BOTTLE OF VODKA? A HANDFUL OF PILLS? THE DEMISE OF YOUR CAREER? NO, LOOK INSIDE YOURSELF. Celebrity Rehab host Dr. Drew Pinsky is worried about Lindsay Lohan.

"I have had a very bad feeling for a while that Lindsay is going to have a major injury. I fear for her," he tells Radar Online.

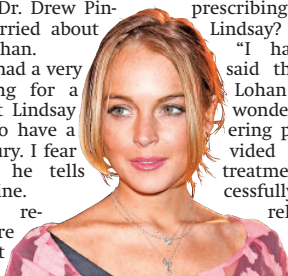
"If the reports are true that

she is taking pills, I would love to know who is prescribing them to her. Who are you and why are you prescribing pills to Lindsay?"

"I have always said that Lindsay Lohan can be a wonderful, recovering person, provided she gets treatment and successfully completes rehab."

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If Tiger's taught us anything

IT'S THAT SEX REHAB MAKES WIVES THINK THEY'VE REALLY CHANGED While the aftermath of his alleged cheating scandal plays out in the press, leaving his marriage to Sandra Bullock in question, Jesse James has entered a rehab facility in Arizona, according to People magazine.

"Jesse checked himself into a treatment fa-

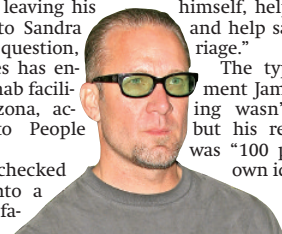
cility to deal with personal issues," his rep says in a statement.

"He realized that this time was crucial to help himself, help his family and help save his marriage."

The type of treatment James is receiving wasn't specified, but his rep insists it was "100 per cent his own idea."

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isn't buying what Jesse James is selling, **BILLY**

CORGAN is apparently a big wrestling fan, and **KEVIN SPACEY** isn't casting Kate Moss in a play.

@samantharonson Sex addiction rehab is for rich people who don't want to admit that they have no respect for marriage vows.

@Billy Thanks to all the great performers of the WWE for an incredible Wrestlemania 26 last night.

@KevinSpacey Great to hang w/Kate Moss last wk but not sure where stories of her treading boards at the Old Vic came from. Not a grain of truth in it!

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A new cub?

BETTER THAN A NEW CLUB Elin Nordegren has been standing by Tiger Woods' side since his cheating scandal broke because she is actually four months pregnant, at least according to the National Enquirer.

"Elin's staying quiet about it, but she's showing every sign of being pregnant," a source tells the tabloid. "Her tummy's a dead giveaway, and so is her behaviour. Her moods are all over the place and she's been eating constantly, which is not like Elin since she's always so concerned about her figure."

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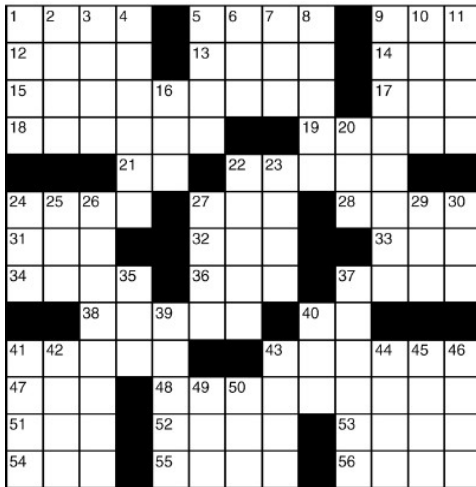
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 5 Kennel noises
 9 Drunkard
 12 Actor John who wed Shirley Temple
 13 From the start
 14 "Yecchi!"
 15 Hero sandwich
 17 One of the guys
 18 Restrained
 19 Following
 21 Freudian concept
 22 Western movie
 24 Quick
 27 Doctrine
 28 Changes direction suddenly
 31 Old French coin
 32 Conk out
 33 Bill's partner
 34 Unpaid amount
 36 Still, in verse
 37 Put an end to
 38 On top of the

world?
 40 Therefore
 41 Scent
 43 Pincered insect
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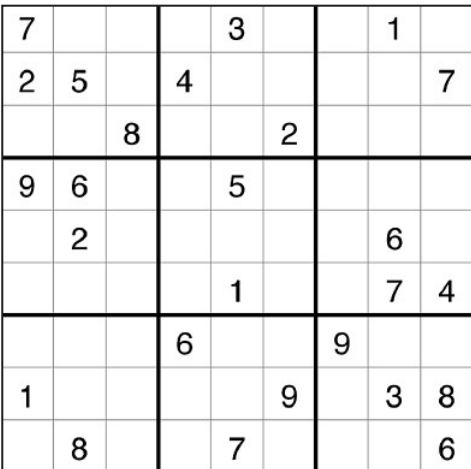
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 5 Knitting need
 6 Singer DiFranco
 7 Corral
 8 Perspiration
 9 Take away
 10 Shrek, for one
 11 Son of 53-
 Across
 16 Succor

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Lemon Ricotta Pancakes

Submitted by
Paula Bowman

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES

COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup all-purpose flour
 1/4 cup sugar
 1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 1 cup fresh ricotta
 3/4 cup milk
 3 eggs, separated
 olive oil cooking spray

METHOD:

In a large bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder and salt together until well blended, set aside.
 2 In a separate bowl, combine ricotta, milk, egg yolks and lemon zest together in a bowl and stir until smooth. Add to dry ingredients and stir until just combined.
 3 In a clean dry bowl, beat egg whites with an electric

mixer until soft peaks form. With a rubber spatula, fold egg whites into ricotta mixture in two batches until just blended.
 4 Preheat a non-stick skillet or griddle over medium-low heat and lightly spray with cooking spray. Working in batches, ladle 1/4 cup batter onto the skillet for each pancake, being careful not to overcrowd the pan. Cook until golden on underside, about 1 to 2 minutes. Turn over and cook until golden and cooked through, about 1 minute more. Keep pancakes warm in 250°F oven while remaining batches are cooked.

SERVES 4



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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

For some strange reason you seem prone to illogical ways. Focus only on the facts — everything else is just wishful thinking.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Sooner or later you will have to branch out in a new direction and there really is no time like the present.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

You will be on the move today and may end up in some rather unusual places. It is not like you to be so adventurous. Try exploring them

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

It would appear that you are finally prepared to do something you have wanted to do for ages but did not have the courage to try.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

There are two routes you can take and as not even a Gemini can be in two places at once you must choose a path and stick with it.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

If someone offers you their assistance today you would be wise to politely refuse.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

There may be a thousand and one things you should have done by now but, in the greater scheme of things, they really don't matter that much.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

The current cosmic set-up is hardly likely to promote rational thinking and chances are you will look back and wonder why you did certain things.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Something you had never previously considered will come to your attention today and it will put an entirely new slant on the way you look at the world.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Is your daily regime as organized as it should be? If not, it's time to do something about it.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

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PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

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1924 — Adolf Hitler is sentenced to five years in jail for his participation in the Beer Hall Putsch. However, he spends only nine months in jail, during which he writes the book *Mein Kampf*.
 1924 — The Royal Canadian Air Force is formed.
 1933 — The recently elected Nazis under Julius Streicher organize a one-day boycott of all Jewish-owned businesses in Germany, ushering in the series of anti-Semitic acts that will gradually, yet ultimately lead to the Holocaust.
 1976 — Apple Computer is formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.
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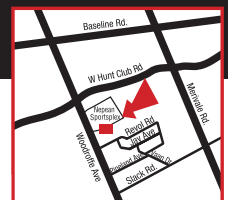
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